

Attorney Docket No. YOR920000429US1

REMARKS

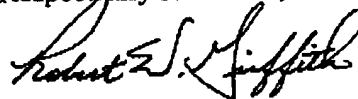
The present application was filed on October 11, 2000 with claims 1-30. Claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 21 and 30 are the independent claims and have been amended. Claims 1-30 remain pending.

In the outstanding final Office Action dated April 29, 2005, the Examiner: (i) rejected claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. §101; and (ii) rejected claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

With regard to the rejections of claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. §101 and §112, first paragraph, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 21 and 30 so that they recite a practical application in the technological arts in an effort to expedite the application through to issuance. Specifically, independent claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 21 and 30 recite techniques for detecting one or more outliers in a high dimensional data set of personal attributes, which are performed on a computer through data mining. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification on page 12, lines 19-26, and page 13, lines 3-27. Applicants believe that claims 1-30 contain statutory subject matter under §101 and therefore request withdrawal of the rejections under §101 and §112, first paragraph.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that claims 1-30 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request withdrawal of the §101 and §112 rejections.

Respectfully submitted,



Date: July 26, 2005

Robert W. Griffith
Attorney for Applicant(s)
Reg. No. 48,956
Ryan, Mason & Lewis, LLP
90 Forest Avenue
Locust Valley, NY 11560
(516) 759-4547